# GENERAL PERMITS VICKSBURG DISTRICT April 28, 2005

Note: All activities proposed under the following General Permits require notification to and written approval by the Regulatory Branch.

#### 1. Exploration For and Subsequent Production of Hydrocarbons

General Permit Number: GP-19 Issued: Mar 8, 2004

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Mar 8, 2009

Description: Authorizes construction activities in waters of the United States in conjunction with the exploration for and production of hydrocarbons and the associated discharge of dredged and fill material. Right-of-way for access roads is limited to a maximum width of 40 feet except in the Monroe Gas Field, which is limited to a maximum width of 16 feet. Wetland impacts shall be limited to a maximum of 5 acres. Mitigation is required for activities that impact wetlands.

#### 2. Water Intake and Effluent Discharge Structures

General Permit Number: GP-22 Issued: Mar 13, 2003

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Mar 13, 2008

Description: Authorizes the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States for constructing water intake and effluent discharge structures. Pipe structures shall not extend into a channel so as to interfere with navigation or limit bottom width to less than 25 feet with 1:1 side slopes. No more than 1000 cubic yards of fill material may be discharged for each structure.

#### 3. Construction of Boat Ramps

General Permit Number: GP-25 Issued: Jul 30, 2004

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Jul 30, 2009

Description: Authorizes construction of boat ramps involving 1,500 cubic yards of fill material in Arkansas and Louisiana. Temporary cofferdams may not exceed 1,500 cubic yards of material.

#### 4. Minor Construction Activities for Property Improvements

General Permit Number: GP-28 Issued: Sep 17, 2000

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Sep 17, 2005

Description: Authorizes filling activities in developed areas with existing streets and utilities. Clearing and filling cannot impact more than 1 acre of waters of the United States. Filling for driveways, parking pads, house pads and other work. No work shall occur in a coastal zone without the appropriate state authorization. Boat slips shall not exceed 25 feet in width and 50 feet in length. Fill material for boat docks, boat channels and slips, piers, steps, walkways, shoreline improvements, and similar work cannot exceed 1,000 cubic yards. Bank stabilization shall not extend waterward farther than an average of 5 feet from the toe of the existing shoreline, shall not exceed 1,000 linear feet and must be a single and complete project. Minor excavation activities associated with the restoration of drainage or property improvements, where the excavated material is placed in an upland area, may be authorized under this GP. Activities subject to the Food Security Act may be authorized under this GP provided the applicant has an agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

#### 5. Minor Drainage Structures

General Permit Number: GP-32 Issued: Apr 15, 2004

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Apr 15, 2009

Description: Authorizes installation of minor drainage structures including cantilever overfall pipes, drop inlet structures, water level control structures and grade and erosion control structures. Excavation during site preparation for pipe structures shall not result in a bottom width greater than 25 feet with 1:1 side slopes. Pipe structures shall be covered with at least 1.5 feet of fill material and the total amount shall not exceed 1,000 cubic yards. Structures shall be constructed so as not to induce flooding on adjacent lands not controlled by the permittee.

#### 6. <u>Drainage Structures Constructed by the Natural Resources</u> Conservation Service (NRCS) or NRCS Sponsored Agencies

General Permit Number: GP-33 Issued: Nov 26, 2003

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Nov 26, 2008

Description: Authorizes drainage structures sponsored by

either the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or NRCS sponsored Agencies. Pipe structures shall be covered with at least 1.5 feet of fill material and the total amount shall not exceed 5,000 cubic yards. In Louisiana: If fill material is to be removed from Stateowned water bottoms, applicants must contact the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for applicable fees.

#### 7. Barge Loading and Unloading of Nonhazardous Materials

General Permit Number: GP-34 Issued: Jul 23, 2004

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Jul 23, 2009

Description: Authorizes construction of barge loading and unloading ramps that do not exceed the placement of 1000 cubic yards of material.

#### 8. Emergency Bank Protection

General Permit Number: GP-39 Issued: Oct 27, 2003

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Oct 27, 2008

Description: Authorizes discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with emergency bank protection, including minor new construction associated with emergency work. The purpose is to repair flood or erosion damage which endangers highways, highway bridge approaches, dwellings, businesses, private and public property, and similar areas. Bank stabilization shall not extend into affected rivers or streams so as to interfere with navigation or adversely impact the flow-carrying capacity of the affected stream. Performing any work within 1,500 feet of a known wading or seabird rookery during the nesting period shall be avoided.

# 9. <u>Maintenance Activities at Corps Lakes and Certain Navigation</u> Projects

General Permit Number: GP-40

Authority: Section 10/404

Description: Authorizes placement of fish spawning beds, beach restoration, shoreline protection, boat ramp maintenance, spillway and outfall channel rehabilitation, boat channel clean out, and road maintenance for reservoirs and navigation projects within the Vicksburg District.

#### 10. Minor Construction Activities in the Mississippi Coastal

#### Zones Programmatic General Permit

#### Note: GP-42 is currently being reissued

General Permit Number: GP-42 Issued: Jul 22, 1998

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Jul 22, 2003

Description: Authorizes activities within the coincidental boundaries of the Mississippi and Louisiana Coastal Zones. Issuance of a coastal zone consistency statement or waiver by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) for work covered by this General Permit constitutes authorization under this General Permit. Authorizes excavation of boat slips to the depth of the connecting waterbody and not exceeding 50 feet in length, and maintenance dredging of existing boat slips, canals, navigation channels, and docking or berthing areas to the original design with upland disposal. Authorizes new dredging of up to 1,000 cubic yards, provided the dredged material is disposed of in uplands or behind an authorized shore protection structure. Authorizes construction and maintenance of piers, wharves, boat shelters, gazebos, hoists, and other appurtenances. Boat ramp construction is authorized, provided less than 1,500 cubic yards of dredged or fill material is placed below mean high tide or the ordinary high water elevation. Authorizes installation of mooring pilings, dolphins, permanent mooring anchors, fish havens, subsurface and aerial utility lines, and intake and outfall structures, conduction of mariculture activities, creation of oyster reefs, and debris removal.

### 11. <u>North Shore, Pelahatchie Bay, Ross Barnett Reservoir</u> Regional General Permit

#### GP 44 is currently being evaluated for reissue.

General Permit Number: GP-44 Issued: May 27, 1999

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Aug 27, 2004

Description: Authorizes activities conducted by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) as outlined in the North Shore and Selected Parcels, Master Plan. Activities include dredging, placing riprap, and construction of bulkheads and piers.

### 12. <u>Minor Construction Activities, North Shore, Pelahatchie Bay,</u> Ross Barnett Reservoir Programmatic General Permit

General Permit Number: GP-45 Issued: April 18, 2000

Authority: Section 10 Expires: April 18, 2005

#### GP 45 is currently being evaluated for reissue.

Description: Authorizes minor construction activities including L- or T-shaped piers, boathouses and gazebos in the North Shore, Pelahatchie Bay, Ross Barnett Reservoir in Madison, Rankin, and Hinds Counties, Mississippi. Issuance of a letter of approval by the PRVWSD constitutes authorization under this General Permit. Dredge and fill activities are excluded. Piers cannot extend more than 50 feet from the shoreline. Timber piling must be of a minimum Class 6. Piling and lumber for pier construction must be treated with chromated copper arsenate.

### 13. <u>Mississippi Department of Transportation - Construction and Stabilization of Roadway Embankments and Bridge Abutments</u>

General Permit Number: GP-46 ReIssued: Nov 8, 2004

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Nov 8, 2009

Description: Authorizes activities such as the repair and stabilization of existing roadway embankments and bridge abutments in nontidal waters of the United States, the installation of additional traffic lanes to existing roadways, and the upgrading of bridges and other stream-crossing facilities. Construction along new alignment is included where impacts to wetlands would be minimal. No more than 7 acres of wetlands shall be directly impacted by the placement of fill at each single and complete crossing of a water of the United States. The Mississippi Department of Transportation has developed a mitigation bank plan to compensate for unavoidable loss of wetland functions and values associated with work authorized under this GP.

# 14. Creation, Enhancement, Maintenance, and Restoration of Wildlife and Fisheries Habitats

General Permit Number: GP-49 Issued: July 27, 2001

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: July 27, 2006

Description: Authorizes activities such as: installation and management of moist soil units; construction and management of greentree reservoirs; installation, repair, and replacement of ditch plugs and water control structures; establishment and maintenance of fence rights-of-way; establishment of food plots, improvement of open water habitats; mechanical removal of undesirable vegetation to improve timber stands as habitat for wildlife; installation and maintenance of fire lanes; discing undesirable woody vegetation to prepare a site for reforestation; road construction for wildlife management purposes; and, recreational and educational features such as fishing piers and

boardwalks of 1 acre or less. Activities involving the seasonal impoundment of water must have a water-level management plan submitted with the request for authorization under this GP. Greentree reservoirs have annual monitoring requirements.

#### 15. Recreational Boating Access Facilities in Mississippi

General Permit Number: GP-52 Issued: Mar 13, 2003

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: Mar 13, 2008

Description: Authorizes boat ramps, parking areas, access roads, fishing piers and associated fills and structures. Activities shall be constructed during low water or low flow conditions. Wetland impacts shall not exceed 2 acres.

#### 16. Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) at Stennis Space Center

General Permit Number: GP-53 Issued: June 5, 2000

Authority: Section 10/404 Expires: June 5, 2005

Description: Authorizes constructing new and/or expanding existing buildings, parking lots, access roads, pilings, docks, piers, retaining walls, and other appurtenant facilities necessary for the infrastructure and operation of the Space Center. No After-The-Fact authorizations shall be granted. Side slopes on levees, ditches, and other earthen structures shall be 1:3 or flatter. Activities resulting in the disturbance of 5 acres or more (total land area) requires an NPDES stormwater permit. Parking lots require sedimentation and erosion control measures.

# 17. <u>General Permit for Minor Construction Activities Performed</u> by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

General Permit Number: GP-55 Issued: Nov 19, 1999

Authority: Section 404 Expired: Nov 19, 2004

This general permit was not reissued. It was determined that Nationwide Permit No. 27 could be used to evaluate permit applications previously authorized via General Permit No. 55.

Description: General Permit for minor construction activities performed by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, that are needed to create, restore and/or enhance wetlands for the purpose of establishing wetland mitigation banks within the boundaries of the Vicksburg District.

18. Section 404 Letter of Permission for obtaining authorization for the construction of public roadway embankments and bridges and the associated discharges of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States in the State of Arkansas

Authority: Sections 10 & 404 Issued: Apr 18, 2001

Expires: Apr 18, 2006

Description: Work that may be authorized using this procedure is limited to temporary and permanent fills associated with the construction of public roadway embankments and bridge abutments in waters of the United States, the installation of additional traffic lanes to existing roadways, and upgrading and/or maintenance of bridges and other stream-crossing facilities by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Construction along new alignment is included under certain conditions.